In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1 and 9 as indicated below. The status of all pending claims is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display, comprising:

a pair of substrates provided opposite to each other;

a liquid crystal sealed between the substrates;

a light-shielding film formed like a grid on one of the ~~substrates;~~ substrates, wherein the grid defines a frame made of light shielding material that divides the light shielding film into a plurality of cells that lack light shielding material;

a plurality of pixel regions defined by the light-shielding ~~film;~~ film, wherein said pixel regions are within the cells; and

a pillar spacer located between substrates and being provided such that a plurality of regions having an alignment defect of the liquid crystal are ~~formed~~ created, because of said pillar spacer, across adjoining ones of the pixel regions when viewed in a direction perpendicular to the surface of one of the substrates.

2. (Original) A liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein the pillar spacer is provided such that parts of the region having an alignment defect formed

respectively in the adjoining pixel regions are substantially equal to each other in surface area.

3. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein the pillar spacer is formed on the light-shielding film and provided such that it protrudes from the light-shielding film into the adjoining pixel regions when viewed in the direction perpendicular to the surface of one of the substrates.

4. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display according to claim 3, wherein one of the substrates has color filter layers in a plurality of colors formed in the pixel regions and wherein the pillar spacer is provided such that it protrudes into the adjoining pixel regions in which the color filter layers are formed in different colors.

5. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display according to claim 3, wherein one of the substrates has color filter layers in a plurality of colors formed in the pixel regions and wherein the pillar spacer is provided such that it protrudes into the adjoining pixel regions in which the color filter layers are formed in the same color.

6. (Original) A liquid crystal display according to claim 5, wherein the same color is blue.

7. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein one of the substrates has a thin fil transistor formed in each of the pixel regions.

8. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display according to claim 1, further comprising an alignment film formed on the pillar spacer and rubbed in a predetermined rubbing direction, wherein the pillar spacer is provided in a position that is biased in the direction opposite to the rubbing direction from an intersection of the li t-shielding film.

9. (Currently Amended) a substrate for a liquid crystal display, comprising:

a light-shielding film formed like a grid on a base ~~substrate;~~ substrate, wherein the grid defines a frame made of light shielding material that divides the light shielding film into a plurality of cells that lack light shielding material;

a plurality of pixel regions defined by the light-shielding ~~film;~~ film, wherein the pixel regions are within the cells; and

a pillar spacer which is formed on the light-shielding film and provided such that it protrudes from the light shielding film into adjoining ones of the pixel regions when viewed in a direction perpendicular to the surface of the base substrate.